

You might be a pastor if...

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I've been told, "I wouldn't have your job for all the money in the world!" Others wished they only worked one day a week for a weeks pay! The Scriptures tell us: "There's a time to weep and a time to laugh," and "A cheerful heart is good medicine." Every assignment has its challenges, but it does us good sometimes to look at our challenges in a humorous light. In all that's happening, this Pastor Appreciation Month might be a good time to laugh and embrace a cheerful heart with some holy humor! I am sure you've heard "You might be a pastor if . . ." jokes. Here are some of my favorites.

You might be a pastor if you've ever dreamed you were preaching only to awaken and discover that you were. You'd rather negotiate with terrorists than the women's group. You've ever wanted to lay hands on someone, and you feel guilty that you weren't thinking of praying for him. You've thought of naming your bed "The Word" and your boat "Visitation". You jiggle all the commode handles at the church before you leave. You can sing along with the congregation while thinking about the notes of your sermon. And finally, you might be a pastor if you're leading the church into the 21st century, but you don't know what you're preaching on Sunday. A cheerful heart is good medicine. Here are some things you can do to give your pastor a cheerful heart: If you nod your head during the sermon, do so because you are in agreement, not falling asleep. Take notes during your pastor's preaching, hopefully of the sermon. Say "amen" when the pastor proclaims Biblical truth, because "amen" means "so be it!" and "right on!". Say "amen" real loud but be careful because it will shock the pastor and some will think a revival is beginning. If you hear someone say "praise the Lord", stand up and actually do so! People will be convinced the fore mentioned revival really is taking place. Show up at church workdays so that there will at least 2 people present, the pastor and you. Discover your Spiritual Gifts, and actually DO something with them in your church. Give a good report about your pastor, bragging about your pastor in such a way that your relatives and friends just might want to attend church just to meet such a wonderful person. Honor the one who provides pastoral leadership to you and your family. Pastor appreciation is a mark of a healthy church, a living illustration of God's grace, love, mercy and forgiveness.